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Amendments to the Drawings:

Applicant has amended Fig. 6 to correct an error in box labeled 22 to make it consistent with the detailed description as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Attached is a complete set of "replacement" drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d).

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 20-72 are withdrawn. Claims 1 and 12 are independent.

Applicant has canceled claims 5 and 16.

Applicant has amended FIG. 6 to correct an error in box labeled 22 to make it consistent with the detailed description as originally filed. No new matter was added.

Application has changed the title of the invention.

Applicant has amended the claims to recite both a computer-implemented and computer program product. In addition, applicant has amended claims 1 and 12 to recite notifying a user of the expected time-channel for the television series relative to the reference week, or similar language. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6-15, and 17-19 recite statutory subject matter under 35 USC 101.

The examiner uses Sullivan to reject claims 1-4 and 12-15 as having been anticipated.

Applicant's claims 1 and 12, as amended, recite "if the determining has determined that the at least one condition has not been satisfied, then making the expected time-channel equal to the reference time-channel, else making the expected time-channel equal to an alternate time-channel, the alternate time-channel differing from the reference time-channel and the at least one condition comprising the TV series has aired on the reference time-channel no more than K weeks of N weeks preceding the reference week, wherein N is an integer of at least 2, and wherein K is an integer that is no less than 0 and the TV series has aired on the alternate time-channel during M weeks of the N weeks, wherein M is an integer of at least 2 and greater than 0.50N truncated," or similar language. Sullivan fails to describe or disclose at least this quoted claim feature. Accordingly, Claims 1-4 and 12-15 are not anticipated by Sullivan.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this

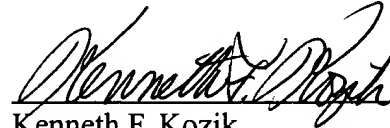
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paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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